

## **WEDNESDAY SERMON**

**Willow, Alaska**

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**Scripture Reading: John 18:33-36**

**Text:** Multiple

**Subject: CONFESSION OF FAITH SERIES – Christ: His Kingly Office, Article 19**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Joh 18:33-36 (KJV)** *Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? **34** Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? **35** Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? **36** Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*

In our last message from our Confession of Faith, we considered article 18 concerning **Jesus Christ; Christ: the Priest, the Sacrifice, and the Altar**. Now we come to the article 19 in which we study Christ: His Kingly Office.

### **19. Christ: His Kingly Office**

**Concerning His kingly office, Christ being risen from the dead, and ascended into heaven, and having all power in heaven and earth, spiritually governs the churches and exercises His power over all, angels and men, good and bad, to the preservation and salvation of the elect, and to the overruling and destruction of His enemies. By this kingly power He applies the benefits, virtue, and fruits of His prophecy and priesthood to His elect. He forgives and subdues their sins, preserves and strengthens them in all their conflicts**

**against Satan, the world, and the flesh, keeping their hearts in faith and filial fear by His Spirit. By this mighty power He rules the vessels of wrath, using, limiting and restraining them as it seems good to His infinite wisdom.**

1Co.15:4; 1Pe.3:21, 22; Mt.28:18, 19; Lk.24:51; Ac.1:2, 5:30, 31; Ro.14:9; Jn.5:26, 27; Ro.5:14-17; Gal.5:22, 23; Mk.1:27; He.1:14; Jn.16:15; Job1:8; 2:6; Ro.9:17, 18, 21; Eph.4:7, 8; 2Pe.2:9.

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As we begin to consider this article of our Confession of Faith, let us look to the writers of the gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John for testimony about the kingship of Jesus Christ:

**Mt 2:1-2 (KJV)** *Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

**Mt 27:11 (KJV)** *And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.*

**Mt 27:29 (KJV)** *And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!*

**Mt 27:36-37 (KJV)** *And sitting down they watched him there; 37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

**Mt 27:41-42 (KJV)** *Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, 42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.*

**Mr 15:2 (KJV)** *And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it.*

**Mr 15:9 (KJV)** *But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?*

**Mr 15:12 (KJV)** *And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews?*

**Mr 15:18 (KJV)** *And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!*

**Mr 15:26 (KJV)** *And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

**Mr 15:32 (KJV)** *Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.*

**Lu 23:2 (KJV)** *And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.*

**Lu 23:3 (KJV)** *And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.*

**Lu 23:37 (KJV)** *And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.*

**Lu 23:38 (KJV)** *And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

**Joh 1:49 (KJV)** *Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.*

**Joh 6:15 (KJV)** *When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.*

**Joh 12:13 (KJV)** *Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

**Joh 12:15 (KJV)** *Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.*

**Joh 18:33 (KJV)** *Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?*

**Joh 18:37 (KJV)** *Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.*

**Joh 18:39 (KJV)** *But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?*

**Joh 19:3 (KJV)** *And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.*

**Joh 19:12 (KJV)** *And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.*

**Joh 19:14 (KJV)** *And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!*

**Joh 19:15 (KJV)** *But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.*

**Joh 19:19 (KJV)** *And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

**Joh 19:21 (KJV)** *Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.*

As we can see, each of the writers of the gospels have attested to the Kingship of Jesus Christ. In the gospels we see:

- Wise men from the east coming to worship him who was born king of the Jews.
- Nathaniel acknowledged him as the King of Israel.

- The religionists (Pharisees, Saducees, and Scribes) tried to make him a king by force, but he departed away from them.
- The nation as a whole rejected him as King of Israel when he rode into Jerusalem on an ass and the foal of an ass.
- Pilate believed him to be the king of Israel.
- Jesus told Pilate he was born to this end – that he would be king, but his kingdom was not now of the world.
- The soldiers mocked him by crowning him with thorns, placing a reed in his hand, and bowing the knee.
- The crowd mocked his claim as King of the Jews.
- All the evangelists record the sign above him on the cross saying, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

After His resurrection from the dead, God exalted him to his right hand where he now ever lives to make intercession for the saints as their high priest.

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**1Co 15:3-4 (KJV)** *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

**1Pe 3:21-22 (KJV)** *The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: 22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right*

*hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.*

**Mt 28:18-19 (KJV)** *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power [Greek: exousia] is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

**Lu 24:51 (KJV)** *And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.*

**Ac 1:1-2 (KJV)** *The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

**Ac 5:30-31 (KJV)** *The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. 31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.*

**Ro 14:9 (KJV)** *For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.*

**By this kingly power He applies the benefits, virtue, and fruits of His prophecy and priesthood to His elect. He forgives and subdues their sins, preserves and strengthens them in all their conflicts against Satan, the world, and the flesh, keeping their hearts in faith and filial fear by His Spirit.**

**Joh 5:26-27 (KJV)** *For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.*

**Ro 5:14-17 (KJV)** *Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*

**Ga 5:22-23 (KJV)** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

**Mr 1:27 (KJV)** *And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.*

**Heb 1:13-14 (KJV)** *But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*

**Joh 16:15 (KJV)** *All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

**By this mighty power He rules the vessels of wrath, using, limiting and restraining them as it seems good to His infinite wisdom.**

**Job 1:8 (KJV)** *And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*

**Job 2:6 (KJV)** *And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.*

**Ro 9:17-21 (KJV)** *For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. **18** Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. **19** Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? **20** Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? **21** Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?*

**Eph 4:7-8 (KJV)** *But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. **8** Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*



**2Pe 2:9 (KJV)** *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*

**Ps 76:10 (KJV)** *Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.*

This preacher had not before thought about the kingly aspect of Christ's ministry as it relates to some of these things expressed in this article.

Our next study concerns the article about the visible manifestation of Christ's Kingdom.